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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An adhesive patch for maintaining a long-term drug efficacy comprising a backing layer and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one side thereof, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of fentanyl as an active ingredient, a pressure-sensitive adhesive base, and a tackifier resin, the pressure-sensitive adhesive base comprising polyisobutylene and a styrene/isoprene/styrene block copolymer, the proportion of the polyisobutylene in the adhesive base being 8 to 15 wt.%, and a ratio of a concentration of the polyisobutylene to that of the styrene/isoprene/styrene block copolymer being from 2:3 to 3:2.

Claim 2 (original): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of fentanyl is 1 to 6 wt.%.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, wherein the polyisobutylene consists of a high molecular weight polyisobutylene and a low molecular weight polyisobutylene.

Claim 4 (original): The adhesive patch according to claim 3, wherein an average molecular weight of the high molecular weight polyisobutylene is 900,000 to 2,500,000.

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Claim 5 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 3, wherein an average molecular weight of the low molecular weight polyisobutylene is 30,000 to 65,000.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, wherein the tackifier resin is an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, wherein a proportion of the tackifier resin is 40 to 50 wt.%.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, further comprising a percutaneous absorption enhancer in the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 9 (original): The adhesive patch according to claim 8, wherein the percutaneous absorption enhancer is one or more selected from a group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, sorbitan monooleate and oleyl alcohol.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The adhesive patch according to claim 1, having an area of 10 to 75 cm² at the time of application.